

Mr. Teackle, chairman of the committee on ways and means, delivered the following report.

The committee on ways and means, to which was referred the petition of sundry inhabitants of Anne Arundel county; also the memorial of the Grand Jury of Baltimore county; also the memorial of John Stewart and others, in behalf of the Temperance Society of Emmitsburg, in Frederick county; and the memorial of George Todd in behalf of the friends of temperance, in Somerset and Worcester counties, have had the same under consideration, and begs leave to submit the following report.

These several references relate to the laws regulating the issuing of licenses to traders, keepers of ordinaries and others, for the virtual repeal of which they severally pray—and the latter contains a series of specific propositions—that is to say—“1st That no person, either tavern or store keeper, shall vend distilled or fermented liquors without a license from the county court *upon a recommendation from the Grand Jury.* 2d That no license shall be granted for a sum less than 100 dollars, to be increased at the discretion of the court, but not to exceed \$500.—3d. That *none but tavern keepers who can comfortably accommodate travellers, shall be allowed to sell less than a gallon, or suffer the drinking of intoxicating liquors about their premises.*

4th. That no account shall be recoverable by legal process when *any part of it* is for liquor, or if contracted under its influence.

5th. That the licenses shall be forfeited by intemperance, or selling liquors to persons in a state of intoxication, or suffering Magistrates to hold courts on the premises, or for selling liquors on a Sunday.

6th. That no liquor liable to intoxicate shall be given or sold at militia, or volunteer musters, vendues, elections, or at political spouting meetings, when candidates exhibit themselves.

7th. That no person shall be eligible to any office who shall have been intoxicated within three months preceeding his appointment or election.

8th. That the seat of any person in commission shall be vacated upon proof of intemperance, or bribery by money, liquor, or any other means, directly or indirectly, with the view of promoting or securing such appointment, or election.

9th. That a fine of at least five dollars shall be imposed on any person who shall be convicted of intemperance, or of having tempted others to excessive drinking.